

Expenditure on renovation, addition etc. of official residences of SC and HC Judges

2532. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any ceiling on the expenditure incurred on renovation, addition etc. of the official residences of the Judges of Supreme Court and High Courts;

(b) if so, whether the said ceiling has exceeded in some cases; and

(c) the expenditure incurred on the renovation, addition/alteration etc. of the official residences of the judges of the Supreme Court and Delhi High Court during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir. The ceiling limit is Rs. 1,00,000/- for Chief Justice of India and Rs. 50,000/- for Judges of Supreme Court and Delhi High Court for the tenure of their stay in a particular house.

(b) Over and above this ceiling work pertaining to day to day repairs, special repairs and essential works of additions/alterations on functional grounds are carried out as per requirement.

(c) Expenditure incurred on the official residences of the Supreme Court and High Court Judges is given below:—

Year	Expenditure	
	SC Judges	HC Judges
1998-99	172.01 lacs	91.42 lacs
1999-2000	162.60 lacs	87.57 lacs

Details of the expenditure incurred as indicated above are given in the Statement-I and II.

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Statement—I

Expenditure incurred on Residences of Supreme Court Judges
(Rs. in lakhs)

Item	1998-99			1999-2000				
	Civil	Elect.	Horticulture	Total	Civil	Elect.	Horticulture	
Ordinary Repair	42.46	24.13	49.76	116.35	43.13	20.70	48.72	112.55
Special Repair	31.20	4.71	7.77	43.68	20.54	4.47	0.95	25.96
A/A Work	4.46	7.52	—	11.98	18.80	5.29	—	24.09
Total:	78.12	36.36	57.53	172.01	82.47	30.46	49.67	162.6

Statement—II

Expenditure incurred on Residences of High Court Judges
(Rs. in lakhs)

Item	1998-99			1999-2000				
	Civil	Elect.	Horticulture	Total	Civil	Elect.	Horticulture	
Ordinary Repair	24.63	12.50	24.46	61.59	22.17	10.92	24.56	57.65
Special Repair	17.52	2.98	2.68	23.18	10.01	2.86	5.37	18.24
A/A Work	3.15	3.50	—	6.65	9.12	2.56	—	11.68
Total:	45.30	18.98	27.14	91.42	41.30	16.34	29.93	87.57